

Arabs prisoners of Zion inst aid to dropouts

SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two of the best-known prisoners of Zion in the USSR, who came out strongly against Russian dropouts in the USSR, are Mark Dymshits and Yehoshua Zaimanov, both convicted in the 1970 Lenin-Lenin hijack plane case.

Dymshits was sentenced to death, but an international pressure campaign secured his release. He was committed to 15 years of hard labor. Zaimanov, 12 years, also at hard labor.

Both are containing their views publicly by a group of prisoners of Zion, already known as the "Prisoners of Zion Committee." According to the statement, the committee is continuing to pay for the imprisonment of the prisoners of Zion. The committee is also working to help the prisoners of Zion in the USSR. The committee is also working to help the prisoners of Zion in the USSR.

Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv meet in cricket final

JACK LEON, Post Sports Reporter

Old rivals Petah Tikva and Tel Aviv met in the final of the Israel Cricket Association's League Cup final, at Tel Aviv, on Sunday.

Petah Tikva's skipper Isaac Solomon was likewise in fine form with the bat, also scoring 73 in a match-winning innings. For the victors, who last year captured the cup for the second time, fast bowler Ramon Ramon finished with 4 for 35 and Davidson took 3 for 33 with his medium-pace. Unlucky Ramle were also losing semi-finalists in 1975.

Ashdod's total of 128 — although not nearly enough — was nevertheless the highest score of this season against the all-conquering Tel Avivians, for whom medium-pace bowler Howling had figures of 3 for 35.

All-rounder Periman, who earlier collected two wickets, hit 44 when Tel Aviv batted, and Smith contributed 43 as the visitors reached 129 for 6 to qualify for their first cup final.

Ashdod have already won the competition four times.

is Cup match set for Hashana in Holland

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The Israel Lawn Tennis Association is not happy to play the 1977 European zone Davis Cup match in Holland over the Hashana holiday. The match is set for September 24 to 26.

Iman Avram Feiger, who is in the Netherlands, has already agreed to postpone the match to a date after the holiday.

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led that two Jewish tennis players, who had been advised to play in the event, had decided to play in the event.

Women fill N.Y. Habad court

KFAR BARAD. — The New York court of the Lubavitcher Rebbe was filled with female company yesterday, as the Habad spiritual leader's male followers made do with the section usually reserved for women.

The occasion was the annual pre-Rosh Hashana gathering to receive the rabbi's blessings for the New Year and to hear his message, broadcast to Habad centres throughout the world.

As in the past, the Lubavitcher head exhorted his female listeners to "bring light into Jewish homes" by the lighting of Sabbath and festival candles and to try to persuade those women who had hitherto not done so to join in the candle-lighting ceremony.

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A policeman hears the complaints of women from Mevasseret Zion at a demonstration at the Interior Ministry.

Mevasseret Zion on the rocks

By MARSHA POMERANTZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The nine-member local council of Mevasseret Zion, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, has been given one week to resume normal functioning after nearly three years of internal bickering.

A letter sent yesterday by the director-general of the Interior Ministry warned the council that if they fail to pull themselves together they will have to yield some or all of their powers to military appointees until the next election.

The warning came yesterday after social workers who serve the area refused to work, in protest against a lack of facilities — a situation they say was caused by the paralysis of the local council. The 6,000 residents there normally serve as mostly the families of immigrants from Kurdistan, Iraq and North Africa.

Netanel Gabai, head of the local council, was meeting with representatives of the Interior and Welfare Ministries yesterday morning when women of the community stormed in, shouting their complaints. The women later took their cause to the Interior Ministry in Jerusalem, where representatives spoke with director-general Haim Kuberky.

According to Pinhas Lapid, head of the social welfare office in Mevasseret, political conflict — an uneasy coalition of Likud, Alignment and National Religious Party — has led to total neglect of social services.

The welfare office is located in a cramped, run-down shack with a leaky roof. The quarter of a million pounds allocated two years ago by the Welfare Ministry for renovation of an alternative building has gone untouched because the council failed to agree on the choice of a building. The allocation is now insufficient for the purpose.

The mother-and-child care centre was closed two weeks ago by the Health Ministry because of poor physical conditions. The council failed to agree on a tender for its renovation, after the Health Ministry allocated money.

The educational psychologist serving the area has no room in which to receive clients in privacy, no secretary, and no equipment.

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Lebanese newlyweds here for honeymoon

HAIFA. — A young Christian Lebanese couple arrived here yesterday to spend a somewhat belated honeymoon in Israel.

Only three weeks married, the husband and wife, who prefer to remain anonymous, had encountered initial difficulties in obtaining an entrance visa. Military government regulations require an Israeli request for any such visit. The couple, having no kin in the country, was thus unable to obtain the entrance permit.

However, Ibrahim Sama'an of the Religious Affairs Ministry's Christian Affairs department, came to the rescue when he invited the newlyweds to be his house guests in the city.

In another exceptional type of visit, a mother of ten from Lebanon, who had been receiving daily treatment in Israel, has been "adopted" by a Nazareth family, thereby saving her exhausting trips to and from Israel.

The woman, Fatima Hassan Mohsen of Tira village in south Lebanon, had first come to the "good fence" some two months ago in a state of total exhaustion. After medical checkups indicated the woman had a severe kidney disability, she was transferred to Afula's Central Emek Hospital where she began receiving dialysis.

After each treatment the invalid returned home, but the recurring trips to and from the country proved to be overly exhausting for her. A woman resident of Nazareth, who had been caring for the patient under her care and now brings her to and from the hospital every two days. (Tim)

Addressing Herut's Central Committee on his return from Latin America, Begin also said mixed marriages there had reached 50 per cent.

To induce immigration of middle-class Argentine Jews, he recommended the Government provide flats for rent. Government mortgages were too small to cover the cost of apartments in Jerusalem, for example, a party spokesman explained.

Two Picasso lithographs stolen in Haifa

HAIFA. — Two early Picasso lithographs worth several hundred thousand pounds were stolen from a private home in the Hod Ha-Carmel quarter early this week. Mrs. Aviva Dankner, their owner, informed the police yesterday that the theft had taken place either on Sunday or Monday, while the house, on Sweden Street, was empty.

A police investigation showed that the thieves had not broken in, but had probably used duplicate keys to gain entry, the police spokesman said.

Mrs. Dankner said the lithographs were black and white, numbered, from a series Picasso had made in the Thirties, before he painted his famous Guernica. She said the discriminating thieves had also taken selected pieces from a collection of silver, as well as some silver cutlery.

This is the second art theft in Haifa during the past year. Previously thieves got away with a valuable Japanese print from the Japanese Art Museum on Mt. Carmel. The print was never recovered, and it is believed that it has been taken out of the country.

Knesset delegation off to Madrid

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Six Knesset Members will be in Madrid tomorrow for the opening of the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference, to be held in the Cortes in the presence of King Juan Carlos.

Yitzhak Navon (Alignment-Labour) the chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, heads the Knesset delegation, which also includes Yohanan Bader and Elimelech Rimalt (Likud), Shoshana Arbeli and Moshe Shahal (Alignment), and Avraham Melamed (NRP). Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch is accompanying the delegation.

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South Africa, Mid-East top agenda as 31st General Assembly opens

UNITED NATIONS. — The General Assembly opened its 31st annual session yesterday, with the problems of Southern Africa and the Middle East among its sharp focus. Also on the agenda are the questions of curbing politically-motivated terrorism and bridging the gap between rich and poor nations.

Many UN diplomats said the assembly may simply mark time until the U.S. presidential election on November 2 and that little of substance is expected to be accomplished in the first part of the three-month session.

However, there were indications that both the General Assembly and the Security Council might be more involved in debates on the future of Southern Africa next week.

A U.S. diplomat said that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, now in Africa working on the problems of bringing black majority rule to Rhodesia and South West Africa, had postponed a speech in the assembly's general policy debate from next Monday to the following Thursday. Kissinger is expected to deal in that speech with his current mission.

Meanwhile, a UN spokesman said a meeting of the Security Council that had been expected today on the question of South West Africa, or Namibia, would not take place. He explained that a delay would enable African foreign ministers coming here for the assembly to arrive in time to take part in the council debate, too.

Eleven heads of state or government are to be heard in a round of speeches to take place between next Monday and October 13 or 14.

Luxembourg's Prime Minister Gaston Thorn, President last year, was to open the 31st annual assembly in mid-afternoon. Sri Lanka's Ambassador, Hamilton S. Amarasinghe, then was to be elected President.

at the end of the session, scheduled to conclude December 21. Amarasinghe was the unopposed nominee of the Asian group, which gets the presidency this year in a regional rotation.

The assembly was then due to bestow membership on the Indian Ocean archipelago of the Seychelles Islands, becoming the UN's 145th member.

The coalition of third world and Communist countries forms a majority in the 144-nation assembly and is expected to call for stringent measures, including mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa because of that country's racial policies. South Africa is likely to stay away from the session, as it did last year, to avoid getting ejected, as happened the year before last.

Israel, long a favourite target of many UN members, also faces an assembly condemnation for forging an "unholy alliance" with South Africa. Before the assembly is a report by the UN special committee against apartheid (racial separation), accusing Israel of collaborating with South Africa and

charging both with "racist policies." The assembly is also expected to adopt a controversial proposal calling for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories by next June.

UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said last week that he believed chances were better this year for worldwide action on terrorism, an inactive agenda item since 1972, when he introduced it.

West Germany is spearheading a drive to produce an international treaty against taking hostages aboard planes, embassies and other terrorist targets. Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher is scheduled to address the assembly early next week and introduce the measure on behalf of the European Community.

Waldheim's current term runs out on December 31. He has declined to say whether he is available for re-election. But no other electable candidate is in sight, and the general expectation is that he will be retained. The election requires a recommendation from the Security Council and action by the General Assembly. (AP)

Basques can now show the flag

BELBAO, Spain. — Interior Minister Rodolfo Martín Villa has ordered police to allow the display of the Basque nationalist flag, informed sources said yesterday. But a decree or law still has to be passed legalising the flag, symbol of the Basque nationalist party.

Police have until now arrested Basques showing the flag. A number of policemen have been killed or injured in the last few years trying to remove hooded Basque nationalists in buildings and roadblocks. (Reuters)

5 Thais die in student clash

BANGKOK. — Five students were shot to death and at least 50 others wounded yesterday in a clash among more than 1,000 vocational students from two rival schools, Radio Thailand reported.

The report added that three policemen were beaten up by students and robbed of their weapons during the hour-long fighting.

The trouble started when a student from an industrial engineering school riding a bus fired a shot into Siam Engineering School while students were about to enter their classes. The gunman was seized by the students and taken to a police station.

Students from the latter institution, armed with clubs and stones, then boarded buses to the engineering school located nearby. The fighting erupted as they confronted their rivals who, for their part, had come armed with pistols, bottle bombs and hand grenades. (AP)

Social disease now anti-social in Uganda

LONDON. — Uganda's Justice Ministry has been ordered to draw up laws for prosecuting sufferers from venereal disease, Uganda Radio reported yesterday.

The broadcast, monitored here, said the Defence Council had appealed to everyone in Uganda to report VD victims to the police. (Reuters)

Egyptian admits he was Libyan agent

CAIRO. — An Egyptian has surrendered to intelligence authorities saying he was recruited in Libya to carry out acts of sabotage in Egypt, the official Middle East News Agency reported on Monday.

Salah Hadeya Mabrouk Masri said he had been given explosives to blow up a power station, a bridge and a cotton mill in his home region of Minia, northern Egypt, during celebrations next month marking the third anniversary of the October, 1973 Middle East war, the agency added. (Reuters)

HUNGARY STRIKE. — Former Egyptian intelligence chief Salah Nasr has begun a hunger strike in jail, "Al Gomhouria" newspaper reported yesterday. An Egyptian criminal court found Nasr guilty last June of torturing newspaper editor Mustafa Amin in 1968, and sentenced him to 10 years in jail. (UPI)

Waging war on terrorists

BELFAST. — They call themselves "peace people," a growing band of Protestants and Roman Catholics who have set aside centuries of bitterness and distrust to campaign for an end to Northern Ireland's sectarian war.

In five weeks they have done more to give peace a chance than bickering politicians have achieved in seven years of bloodshed.

"We've started a guerrilla peace," declared Betty Williams, the 32-year-old Catholic housewife who launched the crusade in Belfast on August 10.

That was the day three children — 5-year-old Joanne McGuire and her brothers John, 2½, and Andrew, 6 weeks — were killed by a runaway terrorist car whose driver had been shot dead by British troops.

The fighting is between the mainly Catholic Irish Republican Army and Protestant extremists. The IRA wants to end British rule and Protestant domination of Ulster, then unite it with the Irish Republic. The Protestants want the province to remain under the British crown.

Mrs. Williams' campaign has not stopped the violence or noticeably diminished it. But she and her swelling army of supporters are determined to end the feuding in which nearly 1,700 men, women and children have been killed.

"We're waging psychological warfare against the terrorists on all sides," she said. "They won't know who their friends are any more. We'll isolate them in the community. We want to show them they represent no one."

In the last few weeks she has brought an estimated 100,000 people out into the streets to march for peace.

Observers and other way-weary cynics who a month ago predicted the peace people would fade away, just like earlier campaigns, have been proved wrong.

But the big question remains unanswered: Are the peace rallies and the campaigners' courage and sincerity enough to force the gunmen and bombers to halt their atrocities?

The failure of earlier campaigns proved that popular support alone is not enough. One-third of Londonderry's 50,000 population signed a peace petition last Christmas and achieved nothing.

But Mrs. Williams' tactics are more hard-nosed than simply marching for peace or signing petitions. "We plan, whenever possible, to physically stop terrorists and rioters from doing their work," she explained. "We plan to have peace groups on every street of every town. We've already got nearly 50 groups active across the province."

Mrs. Williams' supporters have gone out into the streets, armed only with whistles they blow to summon support when trouble starts, and stopped rioters and hijackers in their tracks.

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"courage and initiative" and appealed to all Irish Christians to give them "massive, practical and open support."

The campaigners also have been attacked by extremists on both sides. The IRA's "Provisional" wing sides. The IRA's "Provisional" wing sides. The IRA's "Provisional" wing sides.

A senior police officer noted that the number of people using the confidential telephone system through which they can give anonymous tips to police has increased "considerably" since the campaign began.

The women, too, have been branded traitors and British collaborators by the IRA. Things tried to burn down Mrs. Williams' home. Other campaigners have had their windows smashed, fifth poured through their letterboxes and paint splashed on their homes and have been spat on in the street.

Mrs. Williams admitted: "I'm scared to death. But we can't let go now, not after we've encouraged so many people to take the risks and oppose these animals. We will not be scared into silence again." (AP)

Yale teacher admits he wrote for Nazi paper

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut. — A Yale University lecturer has resigned after it was revealed that he had worked for the Nazis during World War II in Russia.

Vladimir Sokolov-Samarin, 53, told the "Yale Daily News" Monday that he offered his resignation on July 20 after details of his activities were revealed in a Russian journal. Four colleagues then wrote him a letter expressing moral opposition to his work in a Soviet city occupied by the German army.

Sokolov-Samarin has admitted writing anti-Semitic editorials in 1943 for "Rech", a pro-Nazi newspaper published in the occupied Soviet town of Orsk. He said his main purpose was to denounce communism, but that a Nazi censor forced him to attack Jews as well.

His work was disclosed in April by a Soviet journal, "Sovietish Heimland." Sokolov-Samarin said the article about him was part of an effort by the KGB secret police to discredit him because he is a leading anti-Communist and critic of the Soviet government.

He said in reaction to the letters he received from his colleagues that "when such pressure occurs, there is nothing to do but resign."

Robert Jackson, chairman of the department of Slavic languages and literature at Yale, said the department resisted pressure to fire Sokolov-Samarin. He said a Yale teacher can be dismissed only for incompetence, immoral behaviour or use of the classroom for propaganda purposes. "He had a right to remain and that was conveyed to him," Jackson said.

He said a reporter for the "Jewish Morning Freiheit," a New York Yiddish newspaper, learned of the Russian article and wrote to Yale to inquire whether Sokolov-Samarin was the person mentioned in the article.

Jackson said his department obtained copies of Sokolov-Samarin's writings for "Rech," which he described as "anti-Semitic in the extreme... zoological anti-Semitism, a kind of ferocious anti-Semitism." (AP)

'Nuclear blackmail by terror groups'

LONDON. — Canadian opposition leader Joe Clark warned here yesterday of the "ghastly possibility of nuclear blackmail by terrorist groups who manage to get hold of nuclear weapons."

Addressing a lunch of the Canada-United Kingdom chamber of commerce, Clark said "the possibility arises that some nation states, perhaps even some organizations without territorial bases, will become clandestine nuclear powers."

He would find it more advantageous, he said, to put their weapons off-guard by keeping them

guessing about their own nuclear capacity, rather than by making a grand entrance into the nuclear club. In some ways this is more frightening than the present situation of knowing who has such weapons and in approximately what quantity.

Clark added that a situation of this sort presented "ghastly possibilities" for complex forms of nuclear blackmail. Great cities like London cannot be evacuated on the off chance that some terrorist organization or small state actually possesses the nuclear weapons, it says it does. (UPI)

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USSR likes war games kept secret despite Helsinki pact

By DON COOK

The Los Angeles Times

PARIS. — From northern Norway to the Mediterranean, this is the season for military manoeuvres in Europe. But the Soviet Union has rejected or ignored all invitations from the Nato powers to have military observers present, as the Helsinki Accords urge.

Instead, the Russians are sticking to their traditional method of observing the Nato forces in action. At least six Soviet intelligence-gathering vessels, plus two Russian navy cruisers, an unknown number of submarines, and regular flights of Red Air Force "Bear" bombers are operating in the North Sea off the Norwegian coast where a combined Nato land, sea and air exercise code-named "Teamwork 78" is in full swing.

The exercise climaxed on Monday with an assault landing by a mixed international force of some 6,700 marines and fusiliers north of the city of Tromsø, the role of emergency reinforcements for Nato's all-important northern Norwegian flank. Military assets of the U.S., Britain, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, West Germany and Portugal are all participating with the Norwegian army, navy and air force.

In accordance with the Helsinki Agreement signed a little over one year ago, the Norwegian government sent out advance notice of the manoeuvre on its territory, and invitations to eleven countries to send official military observers to attend. Of the Warsaw Pact countries, Russia and Poland were invited, along with three neutral nations — Finland, Sweden and Austria. The other invitations went to Nato countries.

Last week, on the eve of the deadline for acceptance, Moscow sent an abrupt reply to Oslo, sharply declining the invitation without any explanation. Poland, waiting for the Soviet lead, did not reply at all.

Earlier in the month, the Russians declined a West German invitation to send observers to three different war games exercises taking place in September in Germany. In this case the Russians used the excuse that they did not yet have a military attaché at their embassy in Bonn, and therefore had nobody to send. Last year, they had simply ignored a similar West German invitation, a month after signing the Helsinki Agreements.

Meanwhile, the Russians have orchestrated a fresh but familiar attack on all Nato military manoeuvres in the newspaper "Izvestia," the voice of the Soviet Government. Denouncing Nato war games as "contrary to the spirit of Helsinki," "Izvestia" says that they are designed to create a psychosis of fear among the peoples of Western Europe to justify excessive military budgets in the Nato countries. The manoeuvres are "hostile to the Soviet Union and the other European Socialist countries," the paper charges, and are aimed at creating a "false impression of aggressive aims" on the part of the Warsaw Pact states.

Nato diplomats in Brussels agree that the obvious reason behind the



Divers gave up hope yesterday of rescuing 10 seamen missing from the British minesweeper Fittelson, which capsized and sank on Sunday after colliding with the British frigate Mermade — also shown in the picture — in the North Sea during Nato exercises. (AP radiophoto)

Soviet refusal to send observers to the Nato manoeuvres is to avoid putting themselves in the position of having to reciprocate by inviting military observers from the Nato countries to watch the Red Army or the Warsaw Pact forces in action. One more manoeuvre is still to come in the current Nato series — an exercise known as "Bonded Item" which will take place on the Jutland Peninsula and involve Danish, West German and American land and naval forces in mid-October. The Danes received an unexpected invitation from Poland to send observers to a Warsaw Pact exercise on Polish territory which concluded last week. Whether Poland will now accept a Danish invitation to be present at the manoeuvres next month remains to be seen.

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The insurance companies have done all in their power to assist the implementation of the Road Victim Compensation Law and have cooperated with the government authorities. The car-owning public is therefore asked to do its utmost in carrying out the instructions as stated above.

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Open bridges

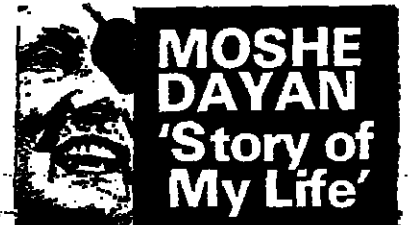
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MOSHE DAYAN
'Story of My Life'

This policy was devised so that the Arabs of the administered territories would not be cut off from their brothers in the Arab world. The open bridges allowed their children to study at universities in Egypt and Syria and Lebanon, their elected officials to be members of parliament in Amman, their representatives to meet openly with the leaders of Arab States—and even with leaders of the Palestinian terrorist organizations. Families could also exchange visits with their relatives anywhere, from North Africa to Saudi Arabia, for the open bridges for Arabs carried two-way traffic. Indeed, something like a million visitors from various Arab states crossed the bridges into the West Bank, Israel and the Gaza Strip in the following years. All these states were, of course, hostile to Israel—and still are.

States could find something of help. I first learned of the border crossing immediately after the end of the war. Trucks were crossing the River Jordan bringing farm produce from the West Bank to the East Bank. The Arab farmers in the Jordan valley were continuing to market their produce in Amman and even further afield in Iraq and Kuwait. I welcomed the news, and was pleased that this Arab marketing, though unusual in the new circumstances, was proceeding without obstacle on our part. In my directives to the Military Government officers and in my talks with them, I had stressed the need to allow the Arabs to go about their normal business with no unnecessary interference. I even ordered our army units out of the Arab towns. They were to keep their posts at strategic positions on the hills outside. I explained to their commanders that their task was to ensure the security of the Israeli community and not to dominate and direct the lives of the Arabs.

On August 2, 1967, together with the GOC Central Command, Uzi Narkiss, I paid a visit to the Damia crossing. During the summer, the Jordan is shallow at this point, and trucks, tractors and even private cars can cross without difficulty. This was the place which our troops on the spot had begun to call "the vegetable market".

It was an extraordinary sight, a Hollywood wild west scene, except that instead of cowboys and cattle and horse-drawn wagons converging on a river ford, there was a huge assembly of heavily laden trucks, vans and carts being towed across by tractor. Up to 100 trucks a day were crossing the river, carrying for the most part vegetables, fruit and olive oil, but also other goods: plastic containers made in Bethlehem, building stones from the Ramat Gan quarry, as well as furniture and household goods belonging to families who had hastily left during the fighting and crossed into Jordan.

I watched the "vegetable market" and told the officer in charge to ease the formalities. There was no need for a long and detailed check of goods going from the West to the East Bank. Why interfere? Why make it difficult? What were we looking for? Arms? That would concern us if they were being smuggled into our territory. But in the somewhat unlikely case that arms were being taken to the other side, why should we worry? Why hold up all farmers?

I spent quite a time at the edge of the river, watching the departing vehicles. They were of all ages, types and colours, and they moved in convoy. As they passed me, I waved to the drivers and wished them good luck, and their response, after a moment of surprise, was a warm smile. It took so little, I reflected, to evoke a little warmth even between men who only a few days earlier had fought us on the battlefield.

As winter approached, to make things easier for the West Bank farmers I asked the mayor of Nablus, Hamdi Chana, to go to Amman and propose to the government of Jordan that we cancel permanent bridges across the river. In place of those which had been destroyed in the war, he did so, and the Jordanian authorities agreed—on condition that the bridging be done by them and not by Israelis. I raised no objection and the Jordanian Arab Legion put up two Bay bridges, one on the Jericho road next to the destroyed Allenby bridge and the second at Damia.

India Government pressure

An extra incentive for family planning

By PAUL CHUKTOW
NEW DELHI —
"SURE I WAS sterilized," said a New Delhi taxi driver with two children. "When I went to get my driver's licence renewed, I was told I first had to produce a sterilization certificate. If I can't drive, I can't make a living."

An unemployed carpenter with six children said he needed a stomach operation, but when he went to the hospital, he was told he would have to pay for it unless he got a vasectomy first. He got it.

Under intense government pressure, more and more of India's 610 million people are going to public hospitals, private clinics and mobile sterilization camps for vasectomies or tubectomies. Some, however, still openly resist and the battle for population control is far from won.

The latest government statistics indicate that since April more than two million Indians, 90 per cent of them men, have undergone sterilization.

The surge in sterilization in India after 25 years of mediocre family planning results stems from a year of heavy propaganda by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government and tough new penalties for couples not voluntarily limiting their families to three children.

A bill in Maharashtra State, passed by the State Assembly and awaiting federal approval, mandates jail terms of up to two years for one spouse of most couples not stopping at three children.

At least three other states—Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab—are considering similar legislation and the federal government has just ordered its three million civil servants to have not more than three children, though penalties have not yet been spelled out.

Money rewards equal to about \$17 for undergoing sterilization also help the campaign in the resettlement villages outside New Delhi.

With some 55,000 babies being born here every day and India's population increasing by about 13 million a year, many Indians, if not most, now accept the need for drastic measures to prevent the population from reaching the one billion projected by 1980.

Yet some Indians, especially Moslems and Roman Catholics, are far from happy about the family planning policies and the way they are being carried out at the state and local level. Moslems total about 51 million of the Indian population and Catholics, a small minority.

There has been virtually no mention in the censured Indian press of open resistance to the government campaign, though incessant rumours of village opposition have prompted Mrs. Gandhi and other officials to condemn family planning "rumour mongers."

On August 2, however, in the town of Khatauli, 125 km north-east of Delhi in the state of Uttar Pradesh, more than 1,000 people demonstrated against the region's family planning programme.

"Within an hour after police dispersed the crowd, 111 people were arrested, 106 of them Moslem," five of Khatauli's Moslem leaders said. They added that there will be no more demonstrations.

"We are too afraid," one said. "The police told us that from now on any protester would be arrested under MISA."

MISA is the acronym for India's Maintenance of Internal Security Act, the government's main weapon for detaining political and other prisoners for up to two years without trial or stated charges.

"Some personal rights have to be kept in abeyance for the human rights of the nation," Mrs. Gandhi has said in defence of the family planning campaign. Few Indians dare openly disagree. (AP)



YA'ACOV MAIMON (Rubinger)

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Reporter JUDY SIEGEL talks to Ya'acov Maimon, the energetic volunteer who won the Israel Prize.

Golda asserted that "the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry can't invite an olim into their home for a cup of tea and friendly conversation. Veteran Israelis must do it, and show that they care. Newcomers need human contact, constantly, every week—and Ya'acov Maimon has given this for 30 years."

Rosika Leibowitz, a new immigrant from Rumania who learned Hebrew with Maimon's help and now teaches Hebrew to even newer arrivals, got up to speak. "When we first came, we read the newspapers and were scared and distressed to read that there were robberies, murders and cheating here. Ya'acov, by his friendship and concern, showed us that such things are not really Israel."

Maimon, who continues to put in a 10-hour day organizing 300 volunteer teachers of Hebrew, said that the friends he meets from one end of the country to the other are his reward.

"If you gave me 1,000 volunteers in a month, I could put them all to work teaching stories to the press, and you never do it. Why aren't you like everybody else?"

If Israel had 5,000 Ya'acov Maimons, she continued, everything would be different. "If he knew English and went to America, there would be olims from there."

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Extra element in rubber bridge

IN RUBBER BRIDGE there is an extra element that one does not generally find in a bridge column. I will try to portray that "plus" in a series of six columns (to appear on Wednesdays) describing a rubber bridge game in which I participated.

All four of us are experienced players, Ben and Hilda Hope, recently of Herzliya, now living in Jerusalem, were playing East and West; Rosika Bakalinsky of Jerusalem sat North; I was South. We were all playing Precision except that East and West played a modified version. Here was the first deal of the evening:

Love all

Bakalinsky North
♠ J 5 2
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ 10 5 3
♣ A 5 3

H. Hope West
♠ A 8 4 3
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ K Q 8
♣ K 8 7

R. Hope East (D)
♠ A K 8 4 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ J 7 6 9 7 6
♣ 10 9 8 7 6

Levinew South
♠ K Q 10 8 7
♥ Q 8 7 5
♦ A J
♣ 10 9 8 7 6

East passed and I had a routine one-spade opening. West had a problem. She was strong enough to make a take-out double, but she anticipated a heart response from her partner, so she bid two diamonds. (It might have been better had she doubled and subsequently, if necessary, bid her independent diamond suit.)

North made the so-called negative double (five to eight points). If nothing else it conveyed the impression of additional strength with North-South.

East made an aggressive two-heart bid; so West, of course (after South passed), ran to three diamonds which bought the contract.

Had she made a take-out double, East could have shown his clubs and the final contract might well have been five clubs — if not five diamonds.

North's opening lead was a spade and West made 11 tricks. Should she have bid the game?

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A THREAT TO ALIYA

THE TRUTH CANNOT BE BLINKED at that with half of all the Jews who leave the Soviet Union on Israeli visas dropping out in Vienna, the struggle for Soviet Jewry's right of aliya may be dangerously grinding to a halt. Although discriminatory restrictions by the Soviet authorities remain a powerful factor in preventing and deterring Jews from emigrating to Israel, the attention of the world-wide Jewish public has been shifted to a raging debate over the proper treatment of the Vienna "drop-outs."

The debate has been spurred by disclosures that a move is afoot to discontinue the aid currently given by such welfare organizations as HIAS to Soviet Jews who wish to use Vienna as a stopover on a journey not to Israel but to other countries, mainly the United States.

At the moment, an emigrant to Israel may be officially classified a Soviet "refugee" while still carrying his Israeli visa. He may then become eligible for fairly easy entry to the U.S., receive financial assistance towards his transportation and upkeep during an initial waiting period overseas — and if he fails to "make it" in the U.S. he may, of course, still try it again at his original country of destination, Israel. He thus becomes a world traveler fully subsidized by Jewish public funds.

The proposed new dispensation, which would end these unusual privileges, has come under fierce attack from a number of Jewish quarters — most surprisingly, perhaps, from some former aliya activists who are now in Israel.

They have claimed that Jews living under the Soviet system are in so mortal a danger that they must be helped to leave no matter where they wish to go; that Israel would lose its democratic image in the eyes of Soviet Jews if all emigrants were forced to come only to the Jewish state; and even that Israel is trying to cover up the failures of its own absorption policies by insisting that Soviet Jews cannot try any other land of immigration. This battery of arguments is being operated by some people who proclaim themselves ardent Zionists, and also by some who admit that they are more anti-Soviet than Zionist.

Whatever their brand of political persuasion, they seem to miss the essential point. Although the Soviet Union has occasionally paid lip service, in international documents which it signed, to the lofty principle that every man is entitled to leave his country of origin, it has never acknowledged the applicability of this to its own citizens. The State of Israel has, however, at some risk to itself, undertaken to back the right of Soviet Jews to repatriation — and it has been able to induce the Kremlin to agree that Jews, but Jews alone, some of them at least, should be allowed to rejoin their kinkfolk in the ancestral homeland. The emigration of Soviet Jews is therefore founded not on any universal human right but on specific schemes for the reunification of families — in Israel.

True, the Soviet authorities have not flinched from occasionally using the stream of Jewish emigrants to Israel as a means of getting rid of opponents of the regime who might not even be Jewish. But the overall understanding has not been scrapped. However, when successful aliya applicants, with Israeli visas in their hands, turn their backs on Israel after arriving in Vienna, they undermine the entire rationale of Israel's fight for the rights of Soviet Jews. There are already indications that, if the practice continues, it could serve the Soviets as a pretext to slam their doors shut again, without any hope of their being reopened in the foreseeable future.

Thus the Vienna drop-outs may eventually deny those Jews in the Soviet Union who genuinely desire to come to Israel the opportunity to realize their dream. The anti-drop-out move is not meant to force anyone to come to Israel against his will, but it is definitely meant to stop the misuse of the Israeli visa for purposes of world travel — and, most specifically, to protect the right of aliya of Jews from the Soviet Union.

Koenig memorandum: two viewpoints

Israeli Arabs may soon be expected to constitute a majority of the population of Galilee, warned Dr. Yisrael Koenig, the Interior Ministry's Northern District Representative, in a memorandum he submitted to his superiors. Koenig went on to outline some drastic proposals to make Galilee more Jewish. While MOSHE KOHN finds some objectionable

parts in the memorandum, he asserts that Zionism's primary aim was not to establish a modern liberal democracy but to restore sovereign Jewish life in Eretz Yisrael. DAN LEON sees the memorandum as incompatible with Israel's Proclamation of Independence and the foundations of Zionism, and demands that it be repudiated.

A problem not of our making

By Moshe Kohn

PRIME MINISTER Rabin's remarks on the controversial and partially infamous "Koenig Memorandum" put the memorandum into its proper context. However, they also raise some grave questions; or rather, they confirm some questions which the Israeli political and social body has tried, again and again since the early years of the State, without success, to bury. Speaking to the Public Council for Galilee Development last Thursday, Mr. Rabin said:

"What matters is Government policy, not some document by this or that civil servant (here meaning Dr. Yisrael Koenig, the Interior Ministry's Northern District Representative for the past 10 years, whose name the memorandum bears). And Government policy is clear, and is not expressed with one tongue to Israeli Arab inhabitants and with another tongue to her Jewish inhabitants."

"The aim of the State of Israel is the realization of the Zionist vision, the core of which is the ingathering of the Jewish People's exiles and living the life of a Jewish state. However, this does not negate the full rights of Israel's non-Jewish citizens. It is the Government's obligation to make it possible for every citizen who is prepared to live with the State's Zionist aim to obtain his full rights..."

This statement places the memorandum in its proper context. The document's detractors and many of its defenders, like many of Israel's detractors and defenders in general, largely forget that Zionism's primary aim was not to establish the world's first model liberal or socialist democracy. It was to restore sovereign Jewish life — all aspects of it — in its natural setting, in the Jewish People's homeland, Eretz Yisrael, and to do so in the most humane possible way.

The "Arab problem" that we have had since the beginning of the Zionist undertaking and earlier is not of our making. It is not our fault that Islamic Arabism does not, certainly not in theory and whenever possible not in practice, brook any sovereignty but its own.

We reconciled ourselves to the loss of 75 per cent of Eretz Yisrael, of Mandatory Palestine, when the British handed Transjordan to the Arabs in 1922; the Arabs did not accept the "loss" of the remaining 25 per cent. We were ready to accept the Peel Commission's proposal to further partition our homeland in 1937; the Arabs were not. We accepted the UN partition proposal (in 1947); the Arabs nullified it by going to war against us.

We accepted the 1949 armistice lines; the Arabs erased those lines by going to war against us in 1967, and thought to erase everything in 1973. Some Arab leaders of the 1948-49 period have written candidly about their own responsibility — or rather about the responsibility of other Arab leaders — for the creation and perpetuation of the "Arab refugee problem": some refugees, too, have written and spoken about this. We have been offering one "Allon Plan" after another; the Arabs have categorically rejected all of them.

Mr. Rabin's statement conjures up some half-buried questions. The first pertains to what he said is "the core of the Zionist vision," which concerns not only the Jews of Israel but the entire Jewish People. The first of the elements which he mentions as constituting this core is "the ingathering of the Jewish People's exiles." When is Diaspora Jewry going to recognize that this ingathering is its task, too — not only with its money, but especially with its body? And when are we in Israel — the Government, the Jewish Agency, and common people alike — going to recognize that in the kind of citizenship so many of us are practicing, in our public-service ethos, and in our inept ingathering machinery we are not building a Jewish-ingathering land?

This leads us to the second element of Mr. Rabin's "core": "Living the life of a Jewish state." I have never heard or read anything by Mr. Rabin on this subject that would help me to know what he means. All that I do know indicates to me that, as a good sabra product of secularist-Zionist education, he probably means a bit of Jewish-festival folklore and the remembrance of Ben-Ya'ir's pre-Siddeci speech at Masada, a few Talmudic maxims, and a few

Biblical "socialist" and "universalist" passages. This is very far from "Living the life of a Jewish state."

No less important is Mr. Rabin's remark about "the full rights of Israel's non-Jewish citizens."

Common, natural morality and sense tell us that none of this can be achieved by the system of rewards and punishments outlined in the Koenig Memorandum's few objectionable parts, or by the Arab policy we have been conducting till now (whose shortcomings the Koenig Memorandum brilliantly points). They also tell us that we will not be able to deal with any of our domestic or external socio-political problems until we are again gathering in the Jewish People's exiles at a healthy pace, and until we have arrived at a reasonably clear Jewish definition of, and are dynamically living, "the life of a Jewish state."

Finally, they tell us that Mr. Rabin's declaration will make no sense until we have answered to our conscience, and provide a suitable answer in life, to a number of long-festering questions:

Why, to this day, are we unable to institute a "Good Fence" for our own Maronite citizens, the inhabitants of Dik and Baram who left their villages on the Lebanese border during the War of Liberation at the request of Israeli officials who promised them they would be permitted to return as soon as the war was over? (Incidentally, the present occupiers of the Dik-Baram lands are the people who are among the

loudest shouters for justice to the Arabs and the loudest detractors of the Koenig Memorandum; people of the Mapam-Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement, whose newspaper, "Al Hamishmar," published the text of the memorandum on September 7, five months after it was written and circulated among Government channels as a private, internal working paper.)

Why, virtually to this day, must Druse ex-soldiers, having loyally and valiantly served in the Israel Defense Forces or in the Border Police, stage demonstrations in order to be treated no worse than other demobilized soldiers?

Why did it take till four years ago for us to find one non-Jewish citizen to serve as an Israeli diplomatic representative abroad; and why did we find a second one only now that that man's term expired?

There are other questions. But these are representative. Not only natural morality and the democratic ethos require that we answer them; Jewish morality and sense also demand answers. We need to find the answers, in principle and in life, not in order to win the majority votes of a world whose "democratic majority" consists of the Petrodollar Camp, the Socialist Peace Camp and the Third World. We need the answers in order to be able to live with ourselves as Jews, to live "the life of a Jewish state."

And we can find the answers in the Jewish People's own rich, spiritual, intellectual, demographic, and economic resources.

Equality for Arabs

By Dan Leon

THE KOENIG memorandum has become a matter of public concern with vital implications for Israel and it will be read in many languages, not excluding Arabic. Hence, it is imperative that the Government react to it and that Yitzhak Rabin, as Prime Minister and as leader of the Labour Party, express his opinion on it as openly, as fully, and as quickly as possible.

(Speaking in Migdal Ha'emek last week, Mr. Rabin brushed aside the Koenig memorandum as bearing no relation to Government policy, and he declared that there was no conflict between the realization of Zionist goals and the guarantee of full rights to Israel's non-Jewish citizens. But he failed to say what he thought about Mr. Koenig's specific recommendations.)

After the tragic events of Yom Ha'adama the Prime Minister went to some lengths to take up Israel's policy vis-a-vis its Arab citizens as a matter of prime importance. Unfortunately, he has delayed for months in carrying out a decision on another priority issue: the unauthorized settlement of Kaddum. He is going to act (or fail to act) similarly on the Koenig memorandum? Or will he hold enough to state where he agrees with Koenig, where he disagrees, and what he intends to do about Koenig's continuation in his present office?

As with Kaddum, a particular incident has made it incumbent on the Prime Minister to state to the citizens of Israel and the world at large the policy of the Government, which he leads. For a government

must govern, and it is according to a clear conscience and methods of government. This is not a question of Israel's "image" abroad, as that aspect they be the Koenig affair, as a function of government. Were the policy to be carried out, perhaps would look after itself.

WHAT IS in fact at stake most crucial question of the State of Israel; an concerned about Israel's Arab citizens is yes, it must be spelled practical policies in life. If the answer is no, report tells us in consequence what to do. It is not there will be no responsive response, and to the policies he advocates.

The development of benefit of all the citizens who live there today or tomorrow is one thing. The State of Israel, as Mr. Koenig and his associates, is an entirely different threatens not only Galilee but the whole Israel as a State founded on justice and Governments must clear choices, and if we time for such a choice Arab relations, it is relations with their own and with the Arab world (including the PLO) the balance, and time frequently the core of this is a question upon the very foundation, the nation movement of the Jewish People, the President when 1948.

"There must not be Jew and another Jew must stand firm by the ciple enunciated in our manner and one law and the stranger that a you. I am certain that judge the Jewish State do with the Arabs, just people as a whole what we do, or fail to do where we have been wonderful opportunity thousands of years of suffering."

In the reality of the Zionism can be faithful man tradition, or if a choice is ours alone. ISRAEL'S Proclamation of Independence in 1948 is one of its most significant and its most sacred. It will be open for migration and the Ingathering of the Exiles — a principle embodied in the Law of the Knesset, are of necessity "a shot in the dark," as I have been pointing out to the Committee, orally and in writing. We shall know the real cost of the law after gathering claims experience during at least three years. Then we shall make adjustments. If we underestimate the cost now, future generations of par-owners will pay for the deficit, and if we overestimate the cost they will profit. There is no other way to solve the problem than by spreading the risk over time.

The Proclamation of Independence goes on to state: "Israel will foster the ingathering of the Jewish People... It will ensure equality of social and economic conditions for all its inhabitants regardless of religion, race or sex." It is up to the Government that we meant what we Proclamation of Independence. Among other things, the immediate repudiation of the memorandum.

READERS' LETTERS

Insurance Commissioner replies to charges

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Relying on "explanations" (which) suggest themselves" may come very close to jumping to conclusions. This happened in your editorial comment, "The faults of no-fault" (September 17).

1. Just to maintain the real value of payments to victims of road accidents, the insurance premiums would have had to be increased by some 35 per cent to take care of inflation during the year September 1975-1976. The new law expands dramatically the protection to road victims and now covers also the driver. From the tables which were submitted to the Finance Committee of the Knesset you will learn that this increases the cost of settling claims by some 60 per cent in real terms. There is an additional loading for compensation cover which can be drawn upon only at the discretion of the Superintendent of Insurance. Against that, there are deductions totalling some 16 per cent on account of the decreasing rate of accidents, savings on commission fees and expected savings on administrative and judicial costs. The insured whose premium for compulsory insurance increased nominally by 100 per cent pays in real terms 60-65 per cent more. Most of them have comprehensive cover and then the increase is 30-35 per cent. This is the true picture in a nutshell.

2. Going over the copies of your own paper during the last years, you will find that I have been consistently warning against the heavy burden which the proposed law will put on the premiums. The Jerusalem Post sided, legitimately and understandably, with the victims of road accidents. You can't have your cake and eat it.

3. The raises experienced in other countries upon the introduction of no-fault insurance are of little relevance to our own conditions. The point of departure is quite different and there is no country in the world which provides for such generous protection. In America, they expected originally a reduction of rates and had to increase them last year by 40-60 per cent after heavy losses to the insurers. One big company — their premium income was larger than that of the whole Israeli insurance market — just went bankrupt. I would say that these facts speak for themselves.

4. One should not be too much impressed by the "research team" of Tel Aviv University whose conclusions you are quoting. In my letter of July 30 to Professor Ze'ev Neuman I show that there are few sins against basic rules of accountancy and statistics which have not been committed in this report. Not surprisingly, this led to absurd and self-contradicting "findings."

5. The insurance industry has been reduced to the task of administering the whole scheme on a self-supporting basis providing for an underwriting 2-3 per cent profit. One could dispute the loading for administrative costs allowed to them. Compared to the raises required by the law, this is of rather limited relevance.

6. It is not obvious that "no claim bonuses" (are) one of the most potent instruments in encouraging safe driving. With equal power of conviction, one could argue that the driver, who recklessly overtakes another car, endangering his own life and the life of others, does not, at that juncture, count the pounds he may lose on account of his bonus by acting as he does. Statistical research undertaken in the USA and in France show that the average driver over a stretch of ten miles makes some eight faults in driving, each of which could have fatal results. This leads to the conclusion that the human factor is of limited and maybe marginal relevance to the total of road accidents. This may, or may not, be the full truth, applicable in each and every case.

However, it is the underlying philosophy of no-fault laws. Once you decide to disregard fault in paying compensation, you cannot — if you choose to be consistent — reintroduce fault through the backdoor in determining the premiums. Therefore, the bonus system had to be abolished. By the way: to reintroduce bonuses, the general premium level would have to be raised by some 12 per cent. Careless driving is to be dealt with by the police under criminal law, as you rightly point out in your article.

THE KOENIG MEMORANDUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Obviously, Mr. Koenig is not advocating the development of cooperation between Arab and Jew in the Galilee. Apparently, he views the Arab Israeli population as a fifth column whose demands and questions he loyally answers the "Jewish character" of this State.

If, in his opinion, this is the case, how can he possibly think that his proposals will help to alleviate such a situation? It seems apparent to me that should our Government adopt such a policy any present grievances or animosities felt by the Arab sector would be grossly exacerbated. Rather than encouraging mass Arab emigration, limiting family subsidies, etc., it seems to me that the government should be encouraging and implementing a programme of industrial, cultural and educational development which will benefit the entire population of the Galilee and not setting one group against the other. The time has arrived when the Israeli Arab is no longer content to compare his situation with that of Arabs in neighbouring countries. He is now comparing his development with that of his Jewish fellow citizen.

It is already a cliché to state that we Jews should possess an acute sensitivity to the problems of other minorities; nevertheless the cliché still teaches a worthwhile lesson. The ideas contained in this memorandum bear too much resemblance to the anti-Semitic platitudes of certain European governments between the two World Wars to make me, as a Jew, feel comfortable. They are no credit to the ideals of Zionism nor to the ethical tradition of Judaism. If adopted, they would have a demoralizing effect not only on our fellow Arab citizens, but on a considerable number of Jews as well.

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